



Docket No. 49584 (904)

1764  
#4  
11-17-00  
LB

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: N. Mizutani, et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/506,713 GROUP:  
FILED: February 18, 2000 EXAMINER:  
FOR: Perforated Tray Without Downcomer, Perforated Tray Tower  
Without Downcomer and Method of Distillation

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form and Documents **BA and CA (Search Report)** are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231.

Date:

11/8/00

AnneMarie Serrecchia  
AnneMarie Serrecchia

SIR:

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(SUBMISSION AFTER FILING OF AN APPLICATION  
BUT BEFORE FINAL REJECTION OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE)**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

RECEIVED  
NOV 15 2000  
TTC 700 MAIL ROOM

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

II. COPIES

- a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.
- b.      Each of the patents, publications or other information listed on the attached PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in connection with U.S.S.N.:                     , to which the subject application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date. As such, a copy of each is not included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

(check at least one box)

- a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).
- b.      A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:
- English translation for reference(s)                     .
- English abstract for reference(s)                     .
- English translation of search report/ official communication.
- Copy of PCT/EPO Search Report.
- c. X The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:
- X Copy of EPO Search Report.
- Copy of PCT Search Report.
- Copy of Official Communication from the              Patent Office.
- English translation of search report/ official communication.
- Copy of                     .

RECEIVED  
NOV 15 2000  
1700 MAIL ROOM

**FEES**

IV. THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)  
(check one box)

- a. ☐ within three months of the filing date of a national application (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (1)). No fee or certification is required.
- b. ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2)). No fee or certification is required.
- c. ☒ before the mailing date of a first Action on the merits (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (3)). No fee or certification is required. In the event that a first Office Action on the merits has been issued, please consider this IDS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and see the certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) below, or, if no certification has been made, charge our deposit account a fee in the amount of \$230.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

V. THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c):  
(check one box)

before the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (1)) or before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (2)).

- a. ☐ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$230.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- or
- b. ☐ See the certification below. No fee is required.

VI. CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (check only one box)

The undersigned hereby certifies that

- a. ☒ each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
- b. ☐ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

RECEIVED  
NOV 15 2009  
JTC 1700  
4th FLOOR

- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Some of the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office. As to this information, the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

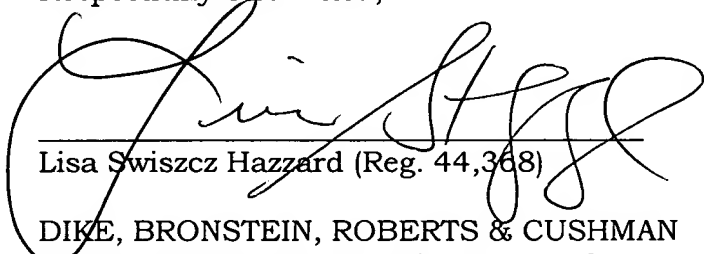
VII. FEE PAYMENT (check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$230.00 for the above-indicated fee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$230.00 for the above-indicated fee.
- X   No fee is required.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule, with a petition if necessary, and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully Submitted,

November 8, 2000  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Swiszc Hazzard (Reg. 44,368)

DIKE, BRONSTEIN, ROBERTS & CUSHMAN  
Intellectual Property Practice Group of  
EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP  
130 Water Street  
Boston, MA 02109

(617) 523-3400